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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEALS WITH THE DOWNGRADING OR RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHY ON LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM AS REQUESTED IN PARA 2 OF REFERENCE:

A. ON 1 MAY 1963, THE USIB APPROVED COMOR-D-22-22 WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT (A) U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS ACQUIRED IN RECENT MISSIONS (3206, 3218 AND 3219) BE DOWNGRADED TO SECRET IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED PROCEDURE, THESE BEING THE ONLY NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS MISSIONS NOT THUS FAR SO AUTHORIZED; AND (B) THAT U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY OF THESE AREAS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TO BE ACQUIRED IN THE FUTURE BE CLASSIFIED SECRET AND HANDLED OUTSIDE OF THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM.

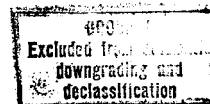
B. FURTHER CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN BY COMOR TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATION 1 (B) ABOVE. SPECIFIC PROCEDURES WERE AGREED UPON AND RECORDED IN COMOR-D-22/24. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXTRACTED FROM COMOR-D-22/24 FOR THE INFORMATION OF CENTER PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN EXPLOITING AND REPORTING ON THE SUBJECT MATERIALS:

*1. PHOTOGRAPHY

A. THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE AND ROLL DUPLICATES SHALL BE PROCESSED ONLY IN CENTERS CONFORMING TO TALENT SECURITY CONTROL STANDARDS.

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B. THE 9 X 18 ORIGINAL NEGATIVE AND THE DUPLICATE NEGATIVE AND POSITIVE ROLLS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED SECRET AND NOT PUT IN THE TALENT SECURITY CONTROL SYSTEM. EACH INDIVIDUAL FRAME SHALL BE STAMPED SECRET.

C. THE COMPLETE FILM FROM A MISSION SHALL REMAIN IN THE TALENT CENTERS. HOWEVER, SELECTED PORTIONS OF A MISSION MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CENTERS. SUCH PORTIONS SHALL BE LIMITED, IN ORDER NOT TO REVEAL TOTAL TRACK. THIS WOULD PERMIT REMOVAL FROM THE CENTERS OF COVERAGE OF AREAS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST; I.E., LAOS, NORTH VIETNAM, AND CHINA BUT PRECLUDE REMOVAL OF PORTIONS OF FILM INDICATING HOST COUNTRY PARTICIPATION OR COMPIATION OF COMPLETE TRACK.

D. TITLING MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, SHOW CAMERA CONFIGURATION, MONTH AND YEAR (NOT DAYS), LOCATION OR COORDINATES, AND SCALE (NOT EXPRESSED WITH THE K FACTOR).

E. THE TRACKER FILM OF A GIVEN MISSION WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE TALENT SYSTEM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SINGLE FRAMES WHICH WILL BE CLASSIFIED SECRET.

"2. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

A. REPORTS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE INTRODUCED BY A CAVEAT: PERSONNEL ARE CAUTIONED THAT STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW MUST APPLY.

B. THE IPIR WILL BE ISSUED AT THE SECRET LEVEL WITH THE DATE OF ACQUISITION AND WITH ITEMS ARRANGED BY COUNTRY AND AS NEARLY AS FEASIBLE BY TOPIC RATHER THAN BY ORDER OF EXPOSURE SEQUENCE.

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C. ANALYTICAL DATA PRODUCED BY NPIC FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE TALENT SYSTEM.

D. THE MCI AND THE MISSION PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS MAY BE PUBLISHED AT THE SECRET LEVEL BUT WITHOUT TRACK.

E. OTHER REPORTS MAY BE ISSUED AT THE SECRET LEVEL PROVIDED THEY CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO STATEMENTS OF REQUIREMENTS, NO ATTRIBUTION TO COLLECTION SOURCE, NOR REFERENCE TO TRACK.

F. REPORTS WILL BE DISSEMINATED THROUGH NORMAL DOCUMENT HANDLING CHANNELS TO ALL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WITH WHOM SECRET PAPERS ARE NORMALLY EXCHANGED."

"3. PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS SUCH AS BRIEFING BOARDS, VUGRAPHS, SKETCHES DRAWINGS, ETC. MAY BE CLASSIFIED SECRET UNLESS OTHER CLASSIFICATION OR DISSEMINATION RESTRICTIONS PREVAIL PROVIDED THAT THERE IS NO REFERENCE MADE TO TRACK."

C. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM USIB-D-41.17/17, DATED 20 JUNE 1963 PROVIDES THE PROCUEURES REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND SECURITY HANDLING OF FUTURE TALENT PHOTOGRAPHY ACQUIRED OVER LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM:

"1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN COMOR-D-22/28 ALL FUTURE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM WILL BE CLASSIFIED SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM AND NOT IN ANY SPECIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. MATERIALS ACQUIRED ON MISSIONS 3221-3226 WHICH ARE PERMITTED THE SECRET CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COMOR-D-22/28 NEED NOT BE STAMPED NO FOREIGN DISSEM, IT BEING CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY RELEASE OF THIS MATERIAL TO A FOREIGN

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GOVERNMENT, EXCEPTING AS ALREADY AUTHORIZED BY USIB, WOULD
REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF USIB.

"2. THE SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF EACH AGENCY PARTICIPAT-
ING IN USIB IS AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LAOS AND NORTH
VIETNAM TO THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANY OF THIS MATERIAL SO RELEASED WILL BEAR THE CLASSIFICA-
TION SECRET [REDACTED]

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"3. ANY RELEASE TO [REDACTED] OR ANY OTHER NATION
MUST BE REFERRED TO USIB FOR APPROVAL. AT THE TIME THAT ANY SUCH
RELEASE IS APPROVED BY USIB, THE SPONSORING AGENCY WILL RECLASSIFY
THE MATERIAL TO BE RELEASED SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM EXCEPT"

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2. RE PARA 3. GLAD YOU RAISED QUESTION OF RECEIPT OF COMOR
DOCUMENTS. NOTHING SINISTER - JUST A GOOF. WILL COLLECT RELEVANT
PAST DOCUMENTS AND SEND. WILL BEHAVE IN FUTURE.

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3. FOR INFO OF COS, [REDACTED] AND SELECTED FEW AT STATION, BUT
NOT REPEAT NOT FOR PASS TO [REDACTED] KH-7 HAS HAD ONE SUCCESSFUL
MISSION FROM A TECHNICAL STANDPOINT. VERY LITTLE NEW INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION GAINED. [REDACTED] NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO HANDLE WITH
[REDACTED] WILL ADVISE.

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